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## AMERICAN SWEET

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A YEAR TO SATISFY.

With Christmas now just a week away, many industries are enjoying a great boom, but this is especially true of the candy business. It is estimated that 50,000 wage earners are employed in the confectionery industry of the United States and Canada, and the value of the output of the multitude of factories, large and small, is placed at upwards of \$150,000,000. It is probable that fully a quarter of the total product of the year is sold and consumed during the Christmas holiday season. In the United States it is estimated that the average annual consumption of candy amounts to four pounds each for every man, woman and child. A majority of children get considerably more than their share, while the fair sex accounts for the bulk of the higher grade of confections. Male adults as a rule do not have so highly developed a "sweet tooth"—a fact to be lamented, according to many physicians, who now declare that candy takes the place of alcoholic beverages. It is stated on what is apparently good authority that the consumption of sweets in large quantities dulls the desire for liquor, and candy is, therefore, a temperance food.

The United States leads the world in the per capita consumption of candy, and Canada is a close second. The only possible exception is Turkey, where modern confections had their origin and where they reach the highest stage of perfection. Exact figures as to the confectionery product of Turkey are not obtainable, since there is a home industry there, and every housewife or harem chef manufactures her own sweets. The general consumption of sweets with practically every meal by all Turks, men as well as women and children, may possibly account for the fact that no alcohol has ever attained general use among the subjects of the Sultan.

Travelers who have visited Turkey declare that the supreme product of American candy factories—and they make confections selling for as high as \$5 per pound—are insipid and tasteless compared with the sweets in daily use in Turkey. While sugar is the principal ingredient of American confections, the Turks use honey, and this may in part account for the greater delicacy and digestibility of Turkish sweets.

Europeans generally use little candy, as compared with Americans, and the war will reduce its consumption to a minimum. That distinctively American confection, chewing gum, is unknown in Europe—a source of great suffering to the Canadian troops.

## PLACING THE BLAME.

Dean Swift was the first to term a young woman a chicken, or, rather, he spoke of a mature woman as no chicken, so Luke McLuke has right substantial authority.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

SHALL THE HIRED GIRL  
EAT WITH THE FAMILY  
OR IN THE KITCHEN.

In the December American Magazine George Fitch, the Illinois humorist, writes an amusing article about the servant question in small towns. The title of his article is, "The Servant Question in Homeburg." He says that in Homeburg only one family, that of Mrs. Singer, has any servants. The rest have hired girls. On the question as to whether the hired girl

should or should not eat with the family, Mr. Fitch writes: "About the only hired girl problem we have the following: 'Shall the girl eat with the family, and wait on the table when something was needed, which couldn't be reached. Then Mrs. Singer came to town and made her eat in the kitchen, since which time the question has raged with more or less fury and the whole town has chosen up sides on it. Half of us want the girl to eat in the kitchen, and the other half have her at the table.

"As for the girls, they are divided too. Half of the girls who come to see about places ask us, 'Do I have to eat in the kitchen?' and the other half ask, 'Do I have to eat with the family?' And of course it's just our luck that the people who wish to dine by themselves never can find girls who prefer the kitchen, and the people who insist on associating with their help usually lose them because said help has been spoiled somewhere else."

## PEACE TREATIES.

The first of the recent peace treaties negotiated by the United States State Department with European nations was signed just one year ago today, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands being the contracting party. The Portuguese Republic was the next European government to engage to keep the peace with Uncle Sam. The Portuguese agreement was made on Feb. 4th of this year, and on the following day a similar treaty was made with the Danish government. Switzerland entered into a similar treaty with the United States in May. A Government a little later. In May a treaty was made with Italy, this being the first with any great European power. Norway followed in June, and Great Britain and France joined in the peace chorus led by Uncle Sam on the fifteenth of September last, Spain accepting a treaty on the same date. Practically all of the Latin-American republics have signed Mr. Bryan's treaty, and Germany and Austria and Russia are the only European powers not yet having accepted the treaties.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE WAR.

(Von der Goltz.)

Field Marshal Kolmar von der Goltz, the German governor of the occupied territory in Belgium, is 71 years old, and has long borne the reputation of being one of the ablest organizers and strategists in military history. His fame was somewhat tarnished in the Balkan war, when the Turks, who had been trained by Von der Goltz along his own special lines, were ignominiously defeated by the Balkan allies. Although "the worst whipped army in history" was the creation of Goltz Pasha—as he was known in Turkey—he did not lose favor in Germany, where it was generally held that the poor quality of the raw material was responsible for the downfall of Turkish arms, and that the Moslem hordes would have made a much worse showing except for their training by the distinguished German military organizer. For more than fifty years Von der Goltz has been studying the art of warfare, and writing books about military organization and tactics. Besides reorganizing the Turkish army, Von der Goltz was also in charge of the arrangements for the protection of East Prussia against a possible Russian invasion. Many of the strategic plans which are now being given the supreme test of battle were originated by Von der Goltz. Too old to lead an arm at the front, the field marshal was placed in charge of the Belgian army of occupation. Two or three weeks ago it was reported that he had been seriously wounded in the face while visiting the trenches. Von der Goltz's reputation as the supreme tactical genius of modern warfare, tarnished by the Balkan war, is now being put to a test which will win for him adulation or utter condemnation.

## Just Smiles

TWO HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE.  
Jim Harris and Harry Palmer were hunting one night this week and treed a wildcat in the bluff. Jim said it looked like rain and he thought he had better go home and not take time to catch the "cat." Harry said he didn't know as much about hunting as Jim, so he came home, too.—Arkansas Sentinel.

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NOW BE GOOD.

Some of our readers who are not subscribers knock on "The Times" because it doesn't gush and spill over about every little thing that happens. What do you expect for \$1.50 a year? Wait till you die and they'll engrave it on your headstone for a dollar a word.—Burchard (Neb.) Times.

THE OKLAHOMA "ARISTOCRACY."  
Bertha Benton and Sky of Cantonment have separated.

Oscar Bull Bear went to Clinton to new house.

John Otterby and his wife Wolf Woman were down from Deer Creek visiting their colony friends.

Stone Hammer Creep Bear and his wife Fannie Creeping Bear have gone to Pawnee Agency to live.

Black Bird Washie has been selected as promoter and manager by Two Babies and his family of Hilda Keith and Frank Old Bear wedding.—Oklahoma Oklahoman.

## Song and Story

Doubtful Prospect.

"So your daughter married that handsome young poet who stopped with you last summer, Farmer Hayrick?"

"Yes, she married him."

"And she's going to be very happy, of course?"

"Well, I dunno. Mandy's got a powerful appetite."

Enough Said.

George Ade tells a story which he

## TRUE AND FALSE GLORY.

(By John Milton.)

Thou neither dost persuade me to seek wealth  
For empire's sake, nor empire to affect.  
For glory's sake, by all this argument.  
For what is glory but the blaze of fame.  
The people's praise, if always praise unmixed?  
The intelligent among them and the wise  
Are few, and glory scarce of few is raised.

This is true glory and renown—when God,  
Looking on earth, with approbation marks  
The just man, and divulges him through Heaven  
To all his angels, who with true applause  
Recount his praises. Thus He did to Job:

Famous He was in heaven, on earth less known,  
Where glory is false glory, attained  
To things not glorious, men not worth fame.

They err who count it glorious to subdue  
By conquest far and wide, to over-run  
Large countries, and in field great battles win.

Great cities by assault. What do these worthies  
But rob and spoil, burn, slaughter and enslave  
Peaceable nations, neighboring or remote.

Made captive, yet deserving freedom more  
Than those their conquerors, who leave behind  
Nothing but ruin whereso'er they rove.

And all the flourishing works of peace destroy!  
Then swell with pride and must be titled gods,  
Great benefactors of mankind, deliverers!

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## LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA

By William F. Kirk

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Pa brought a Major home with him last night, his name is Major Blatt. He talks the same as his name sounds. He didn't like him & Ma didn't like him either. Pa must have liked him tho or he wouldn't have brought him home.

Wife, sed Pa, I know how wimmen always like to meet solgers, so I thought I wud bring home my old friend Major Blatt. He is moar than a solger, Pa sed, he is a leader of solgers. He wasent vary far away from Mister Rusevelt in the battle of San Juan hill, Pa sed.

Indeed, sed Ma, I am charmed to meet you, Major. Won't you pray be seated. You & my dear husband look as if you have been standing up for quite a while.

I am also charmed to meet you, sed Major Blatt to Ma. A solger is never so much a solger that he does not bask in the sunshine of liveliness. I always like to meet butfil wimmen, he sed, & I may say that tonite I have met one of the fairest of Nater's blossoms, one that surpasses seven my moast surpassing dreams of buty & womanly grace.

Deer old friend, sed Ma, to the Major, I am glad that you like my little home. I do not believe that there is anything so endearing to a man as the endearing surroundings of a home to which he is endeared. Then Pa sat down on the Major's hat.

Deer me, sed Ma, this certingly looks as if it was going to be a long hard winter for everybody but the hard merchants. Where did you happen to run into yure old friend Major Skatt? she asked Pa.

Not Skatt, Blatt, madam, sed the Honorable Bill Bryan.

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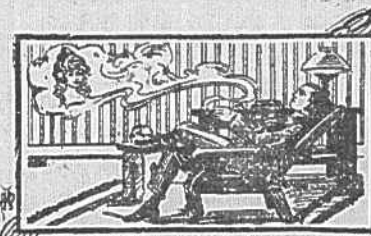
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some good protective tariff Democrats, such as Andrew Jackson. The rabid free trade St. Louis Republic recently had these remarks on Mr. Mack's alleged apostasy:

"When a Democratic newspaper, owned and edited by a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, goes over to the Republican camp on the tariff question, vigorously protesting the while that it is preaching Democratic doctrine, and that it has found new beauties in the Baltimore platform, the event is worth more than passing notice. Norman E. Mack's Buffalo Times is the paper in question."

The former chairman of the Democratic national committee reports that the St. Louis Republic is only playing into the hands of the Republicans by using the language it does, which is a virtual acknowledgement of the claim of the party that it is the only organization which has any business to encourage American enterprise, and that there is a Republican patent on the word "protection." In disputing this abject confession of the Republic, Mr. Mack quotes President Jackson's message to Congress of December 6, 1830, which declares for protection to American industry. Other patron saints of Democracy are also called from the tomb to confound Mr. Mack's critics. The Buffalo editor winds up with this poser: "Was Andrew Jackson a good enough Democrat for the St. Louis Republic? Does the St. Louis Republic think its Democracy better than Andrew Jackson's?" Mr. Mack is getting near the goal, but he doesn't exactly qualify as

a Republican protectionist yet, but we have great hopes of him.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

## TO VIRGINIA.

Yes, Virginia, there is, and we presume that he is still on the job. Though they do say that he has had right smart trouble filling his pack this year, and that his feet-footed herd has been requisitioned for service that is not conducive toward the spread of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men. We wouldn't discourage you for all the world, Virginia, nor send a single pang into your little heart. But things ain't like they were some time ago. Not even like they were one brief year ago. There are lots and lots of little girls and boys in this broad world who will look in vain for the comfort and cheer that comes with the season of the cedar and the holly and the mistletoe. And there are many mothers, little ones whose eyes, if they glister at all, will be when the light catches the crystal that enlivens a tear. And there are fond fathers—or, there were fond fathers—ah! Virginia—those Paths of Glory. But, do you know, little girl, when some hearts are depleted of the comforts that solace, other hearts grow stouter and send their messages of love to fuse with the spark of fire that is left; and thereby a new fire is kindled. That is why He is. That is He. And He lasts along with humanity and love. He is humanity and love. So hang your stockings, Virginia, and with all the faith of yesteryear, go to bed.—Fayette Tribune.

## What Does a Man Want?

Be sure of one thing—He wants something a MAN wants—and we never yet have met a man who really in his secret soul cared a cent for anything painted at home or stitched or flossed up with edges on it. Of course, he appreciated it; thought it very, very considerate and kind of you—and all that. But, just the same, he didn't want it. He was kind of looking for something worth while and WORTH THE MONEY. Now, we have been over a quarter of a century finding out what men really want. The way we found out was by watching to see what they like to buy for themselves. And now we have right here the largest collection of

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In the Men's Wear Store is a great showing of gifts—neckties, silk muffers, sweaters, angora vests, house coats, bath robes, shirts, gloves and the like. Many of those things come in handsome holiday boxes

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In Best Liked Styles

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